## Kathleen G. Welt

## Biographical Sketch, Southwest RAC Member

Kathy Welt is director of external affairs for Oxbow Mining and Gunnison Energy Corporation and represents her Southwest RAC constituency in Category 1, energy and minerals. Welt, current chair and former co-chair of the Southwest RAC, was appointed in October 2002 and has an extensive background in natural resources management and environmental/reclamation management, having worked in Delta County's mining industry since the early 80's. Welt has dedicated time to the North Fork Coal Working Group and Colorado Coal Mine Board of Examiners, and currently belongs to both the Rotary Club of Paonia and Club 20, serving as Delta County's director to that Board.

Welt shares that having been raised on the concept of multiple use, she believes that our public lands should be managed for and remain available for all responsible uses—from wildlife habitat and livestock grazing to recreation and minerals extraction—with the key words being "managed" and "responsible."

Welt and her husband lead a busy life raising their three sons on their cattle ranch near Hotchkiss. Welt escapes her busy schedule by hiking, photographing nature scenes and riding ATVs and motorcycles.